

What do you need to graduate from PHS?

**\* PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

<b>English</b>	4.0 credits
<b>Social Studies</b>	4.0
<b>Mathematics</b>	3.0
<b>Science</b>	3.0
<b>Health/Phys. Ed/Driver's Ed.</b>	1.25
<b>Graduation Project</b>	.5
<b>Electives</b>	8.5 (some requirements)
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	24.25 minimum

\* Students successfully completing the LCTI full day academic program will satisfy Parkland's academic graduation requirements.

**Considerations:**

- Students at PHS are required to schedule the following minimum number of credits per year:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 6.25 credits
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 6.50 credits
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 6.25 credits
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 6.25 credits
- Total credits to be scheduled = 25.25 (assumes no failures or repeated courses)

**Elective Areas:**

- 8.5 credits required in electives in grades 9 – 12 distributed as follows:
  - 1.0 credit in Technology Applications
  - 3.0 credits in Arts and Humanities
  - credits in open choice of electives
- Note: Certain courses may count as a required course or an elective, but may not count as both, for example: Physics.

**Technology Applications (1.0 credit required)**

- Business/Information Technology courses
- Technology Education courses
- Computer Art courses
- Photography
- Computer Applications & Programming courses
- Piano/Keyboarding courses in Music
- Honors Music Listening & Literature
- Physics
- Probability and Statistics
- LCTI Labs may count in this category
- Parkey and Trumpet
- Technical Theater
- Broadcasting 1 & 2
- Video & Film Production
- Midday News
- Music Theory 1 & 2
- Interior Design
- Creative Crafts
- Fashion Design & Merchandising
- Fashion & Wardrobe Construction
- Meteorology & Astronomy

**Arts and Humanities (3.0 credits required. 1.0 credit required for LCTI students)**

- Music
- Art
- World Languages
- Sign Language
- Family and Consumer Science
- ETAP
- Theater electives
- Broadcasting electives
- Writing electives
- Social Studies electives (Sociology, Psychology, etc.)

**Current Graduation Requirements Extended Through 2015-16** – The proposal extends the current Chapter 4 graduation requirements, currently effective through the Class of 2014, to the Class of 2016. Those requirements include: 1) Course completion and grades; 2) Completion of a culminating project; 3) Demonstration of proficiency in reading, writing and math on either the state assessments administered in grades 11 or 12 **or** local assessments aligned with the standards and state assessments. This includes taking the Keystone in Algebra I, Biology and English Language Arts.

**Using AP or IB Exams** – Completion of an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam that includes academic content comparable to the appropriate Keystone Exam may be used for graduation purposes. The secretary of education will establish a score for these exams that would be considered comparable to the proficient level on the appropriate Keystone Exam.

**2012-13 Keystone Exams**

- Accountability (Federal requirement)

- All 11th grade students must take all three Keystone Exams\*

- All non-11th grade students completing a Keystone related course must take the appropriate Keystone Exam

- Only 11th grade results will be used to calculate AYP

- Non-11th grade students' results will be banked until they're in 11th grade

All juniors will take Algebra 1, Biology and English tests in this window.

Winter Wave 1 Keystone Window

December 3-14, 2012\*

Winter Wave 2 Keystone Window

January 9-23, 2013\*

Any student completing Alg I or Biology will take tests in this window.

Spring Keystone Window

May 13-24, 2013

Students can re-take exam in this window

Summer Keystone Window

July 29-August 2, 2013